

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-12 and 14-21 were pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 8, 11, 15, 18 have been amended and Claims 9, 10, and 16 have been canceled.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of the allowable subject matter of Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 18-21.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of these amendments, which place all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

I. SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the application are fully supported in the original Specification. No new subject matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 9, 10 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 8 and 11 have been placed in independent form. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to overcome objections thereto.

II. CONCLUSION

The present amendments place Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17-21 in condition for allowance. Thus, the Applicant earnestly requests a timely Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently pending. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be useful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Credit card authorization for payment of \$990.00 (\$790 – RCE fee and \$200 – excess claim fee) is included with this submission. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-3447.

Respectfully submitted,



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